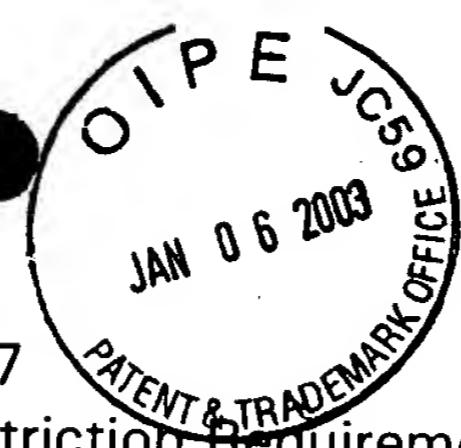


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PLEASE AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

In The Claims:

Enter replacement claims 252, 257, 273, 276, 277 and 290 as follows:

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252. (Amended) The composition of claim 247, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, a bacterial fragment and a combination of the foregoing.

E2
257. (Amended) The composition of claim 303, wherein said specific binding is mediated by a ligand binding receptor.

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273. (Amended) The composition of claim 267, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, a bacterial fragment and a combination of the foregoing.

E4
276. (Amended) The composition of claim 267, wherein said domains are attached noncovalently through specific binding.

277. (Amended) The composition of claim 276, wherein said specific binding is mediated by a ligand binding receptor.

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290. (Amended) The composition of claim 286, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, a bacterial fragment and a combination of the foregoing.

Please add new claim 303 as follows.

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-- 303. (NEW) The composition of claim 247, wherein said domains are attached noncovalently through specific binding. --

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